1	[PROPOSED NEW SECS A-C:]
2	* * * Zero Fare Public Transit * * *
3	Sec. A. ZERO FARE PUBLIC TRANSIT; REPORT
4	On or before March 30, 2022 the Agency of Transportation shall file a
5	written report with the House and Senate Committees on Transportation that:
6	(1) shows changes in public transit ridership, by county and type of
7	service, in fiscal years 2020 and 2021 and in fiscal year 2022 through the end
8	of the third quarter; and
9	(2) estimates the amount of funding needed to continue to provide fare-
10	free service on transit operated by public transit by transit agencies that are
11	eligible to receive grant funds pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5307 or 5311, or both,
12	broken out by county and type of service in fiscal year 2023.
13	Sec. B. ZERO FARE PUBLIC TRANSIT IN FISCAL YEAR 2022
14	(a) Urban public transit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that public
15	transit operated by transit agencies that are eligible to receive grant funds
16	pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5307 in the State shall be operated on a zero-fare basis
17	with monies for public transit from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic
18	Security Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136 (CARES Act), the Consolidated
19	Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, and the American Rescue Plan
20	Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-XXX, as practicable, during fiscal year 2022.

1	(b) Rural public transit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that public
2	transit operated by transit agencies that are eligible to receive grant funds
3	pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5311 in the State shall be operated on a zero-fare basis
4	with monies for public transit from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic
5	Security Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136 (CARES Act) and the Consolidated
6	Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, as practicable, during fiscal
7	<u>year 2022.</u>
8	* * * Mobility and Transportation Innovation * * *
9	Sec. C. MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION INNOVATION
10	The Agency of Transportation shall provide financial assistance to support
11	innovative strategies and projects that improve both mobility and access to
12	services for transit-dependent Vermonters, reduce the use of single occupancy
13	vehicles, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as practicable, during fiscal
14	year 2022. Financial assistance shall be provided with monies the State
15	receives for public transit from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic
16	Security Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136 (CARES Act), the Consolidated
17	Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, and the American Rescue Plan
18	Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-XXX and through the \$793,400.00 authorization
19	for Go! Vermont.